Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, **line 4** with the following amended paragraph:

-- The present invention is directed to absorbent composites comprising superabsorbent ~~materials~~material, which may address the above-described problems associated with currently available absorbent composites. The absorbent composites of the present invention may comprise superabsorbent ~~materials~~material, where the superabsorbent ~~materials have~~material has: an Absorption Time of about 5+10 a^2 minutes or greater, where a is the mean particle size of the superabsorbent material in millimeters; and a capacity as measured by the FAUZL test of about 15 g/g or greater.[[;]] The absorbent composites of the present invention have a Drop Penetration Value of about 2 seconds or less~~; and, a ½ Float Saturation of about 50% or less~~. Such a combination of properties for superabsorbent ~~materials~~ material may enable an absorbent composite to provide beneficial behavior in terms of not locking up all the liquid in the vicinity of where liquid enters the absorbent product thus providing better liquid distribution and maintaining a lower level of saturation in the target area to provide a more intake-friendly structure for a longer portion of the absorbent composite life. Unlike some known absorbent composites, which lose their fluid intake performance over the life of the absorbent composite, the absorbent composites of the present invention may exhibit superior liquid distribution and fluid intake after multiple insults to the absorbent composite. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, **line 21** with the following amended paragraph:

-- The present invention may be further directed to absorbent composites comprising superabsorbent ~~materials~~ material and fibrous material, and their applicability in disposable personal care absorbent products. The absorbent composites of the present invention may be useful as absorbent components in personal care absorbent products such as diapers, feminine pads, panty liners, incontinence products, and training pants. --